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6 UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
7 WESTERN DISTRICT OF WASHINGTON
8 AT SEATTLE

9 JASON MARK HART,

10 Plaintiff,

11 v.

12 KARIE RAINER, et al.,

13 Defendant.

CASE NO. 2:20-cv-01464-RSM-BAT

**ORDER DENYING MOTION FOR
APPOINTMENT OF COUNSEL**

13 Plaintiff moves for appointment of counsel. Dkt. 15. There is no constitutional right to
14 appointment of counsel in a civil case. The Court may appoint counsel if the “interests of justice
15 so require,” 18 U.S.C. § 3006A(a)(2)(B), and after assessing petitioner’s likelihood of success on
16 the merits and his ability to articulate his claims pro se in light of the complexity of the legal
17 issues involved.” *Weygardt v. Look*, 718 F.2d 952, 954 (9th Cir. 1983) (per curiam).

18 The Court having reviewed the record and considered both factors concludes the interests
19 of justice do not require the appointment of counsel at this time. Plaintiff has filed a complaint
20 and an amended complaint. Despite his claims that he is incompetent, his ability to file a
21 serviceable complaint indicates that he is able to articulate his claims in light of the complexity
22 of the case.

1 Accordingly, The Court **DENIES** plaintiff's motion for appointment of counsel. Dkt. 15.

2 The Clerk shall send copies of this order to the parties.

3 DATED this 5th day of January, 2021.

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7 BRIAN A. TSUCHIDA
United States Magistrate Judge